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EASLEY APPOINTS NESBITT TO 49TH DISTRICT N.C. SENATE SEAT

RALEIGH — Pursuant to the recommendation of the Buncombe County Democratic Party, Gov. Mike Easley today appointed Martin L. Nesbitt, Jr. of Asheville to the North Carolina Senate, representing the 49th District, to fill the unexpired term of Sen. Steve Metcalf. Metcalf resigned his seat effective February 2.

"Martin Nesbitt has been an outstanding leader in the House for over two decades," said Easley. "His experience will enable him to have an immediate positive impact in the Senate. Martin understands the budget as well as any legislator and he is a strong champion for the environment."

Previously, Nesbitt served as the representative for the 114th district of the N.C. House of Representatives for 11.5 terms.

The Governor will appoint a replacement to fill Nesbitt's unexpired House term pursuant to NCGS § 163-11.